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The second regular Meeting of City Council was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth floor of the Municipal Building. The following Council Members were present: P. A. "Pete" Castiglione, Jr., E. Stokes Daniels, Jr., Mayor John C. Hamlin, T. David Luther, T. Wayne Oakes, Sherman M. Saunders, H. Phillip Smith, and Vice-Mayor R. Wayne Williams, Jr. (8). Council Member Ruby B. Archie was absent (1).

Staff members present were City Manager Jerry L. Gwaltney, Assistant City Manager for Utilities Joseph C. King, City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield, Jr., Director of Finance Barbara A. Dameron, and City Clerk Annette Y. Crane, CMC.

Other Staff Members present were Multi-Media Design Manager Mark Aron, Chief of Police Philip Broadfoot, Economic Development Director Ron Bunch, Management Analyst David Parrish, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Director Bill Sgrinia.

Mayor Hamlin presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Wayne Oakes offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Hamlin recognized and welcomed Virginia Cooperative Extension Unit Coordinator Stuart Sutphin to the meeting. Mr. Sutphin appeared to present the Virginia Cooperative Extension 2005 Report to Council. He said it had been a great year for the organization and advised there had been an increase in the demand for services.

Mr. Sutphin advised Horticulture Job Skills Workforce Training had been offered to students at the W. W. Moore, Jr. Detention Home that has become a flagship program. He reported the organization, along with Jane Clardy and other teachers and staff at W. W. Moore, had developed a ten-week technical training program. It was felt there was a shortage of trained green industry workers both locally and across the Commonwealth. Mr. Sutphin advised the program had now been copied by many juvenile detention facilities in the State and W. W. Moore had been chosen as a site to conduct research on a proto-type container nursery.

Mr. Sutphin reviewed other aspects of services the organization offers including the Danville 4-H Teen Leadership Club and the Senior Citizen Container Gardening Program.

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Council Member Saunders welcomed Regional Director Lynette Marsh, who was present for the meeting. Ms. Marsh directs seventeen (17) regional extension units.

In response to Mr. Saunders, Mr. Sutphin reported there was a great deal of consumer education services offered by the organization and citizens were taking advantage of those services.

Mayor Hamlin thanked Mr. Sutphin for taking the time to appear before Council with such an excellent report and welcomed Ms. Marsh to the meeting.

MINUTES

Upon Motion by Council Member Daniels and second by Council Member Luther, Minutes of the December 6, 2005 Regular Meeting of City Council were approved as presented. Draft copies had been distributed to Council Members prior to the Meeting.

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders, Smith, and Williams (8)
NAY: Archie (1).

BUDGET ADOPTION - FY 2005-2006 - RIVERSIDE DRIVE TRAIL PHASE I

Upon Motion by Council Member Luther and second by Council Member Castiglione, Ordinance No. 2005-12.04 presented by its First Reading on December 6, 2005 amending the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by increasing anticipated revenues to provide for a grant for the construction of the Riverside Drive Trail Phase I in the amount of \$100,000 and local in-kind services in the amount of \$25,000 for a total appropriation of \$125,000 was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders, Smith, and Williams (8)
NAY: Archie (1).

BUDGET AMENDMENT-FY 2005-2006-TERRORISM PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT

Upon Motion by Council Member Castiglione and second by Council Member Smith, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-12.05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY INCREASING REVENUES TO ANTICIPATE THE RECEIPT OF FUNDS FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES LAW ENFORCEMENT TERRORISM PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,380 TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TOWARD INCREASING

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LAW ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES FOR DETECTING, DETERRING,
DISRUPTING, AND PREVENTING ACTS OF TERRORISM

was presented by its First Reading, as required by City Charter, to lie over before final adoption.

In response to comments from several Council Members, City Manager Gwaltney advised there were some security issues around the city jail and City Hall. He said the same facility that hosts City Council meetings also housed the Police Department. Mr. Gwaltney advised there would likely be an upgrade to security around the entrance to the Police Department and cameras might also be installed.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Gwaltney advised the Utility Commission was working on securing a new utility contract and would be meeting with City Council during the January 17, 2006 Work Session.

There were no communications from the Deputy City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Each Council Member extended holiday greetings to everyone and offered best wishes for Council Member Archie, who was absent due to illness.

Council Member Castiglione reported the former Council Member Buddy Rawley had accepted a position with Danville Community College and would be returning to Danville to reside.

Mr. Castiglione stated he had received comments from citizens and physicians regarding the quality of care at the hospital. He said Danville was a world-class community and needed world-class health care.

Council Member Daniels said one way to solve problems with the hospital was to have competition.

Mr. Daniels and Council Member Oakes commented on the newly finished Old 97 Mural located on the Atrium Furniture building. Each praised the work of Muralist Wes Harden.

Mayor Hamlin reported that Monday was a special day in Danville. Governor Mark Warner held a press conference at the Institute announcing he had placed more funding for the Institute in his biennial budget.

Vice-Mayor Williams, in response to comments by Mr. Castiglione relating to the hospital, said there were many questions about patient care and jobs and felt answers were needed.

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The Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

MAYOR

CLERK